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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. :	09/652,842	Confirmation No. :	4065
Applicant :	Vishnu K. Agarwal		
Filed :	August 31, 2000	Attorney Docket No.:	501082.06
Art Unit :	2825	Customer No. :	27,076
Examiner :	Belur V. Keshavan		
Title :	DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE		

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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)) TO PERMIT
CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97)
IN A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2), Applicant hereby petitions the Office that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 in the Request for Continued Examination (37 C.F.R. § 1.114) filed herewith. This application was allowed on September 24, 2003, and the issue fee was paid on December 23, 2003.

Applicant requests that the application be withdrawn from issue in favor of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith. Applicant requests that the Office grant this

Petition and consider the Request for Continued Examination and Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrent herewith.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$900 in accordance with CFR 1.17(e).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

- Postcard
- Check
- Copy of this Petition
- Request for Continued Examination (+ copy)
- Information Disclosure Statement
- PTO Form 1449 and cited references (3)

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